

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **September 13, 2005, Work Session**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Adelphia Cable TV Franchise Transfer**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff's recommendation is that City Council take no formal action to approve the transfer of Adelphia's cable TV franchise to Comcast. By letting the 120-day transfer review period expire, it is presumed that the City has no objection to letting the requested transfer proceed.

SUMMARY: As a component of Adelphia's overall plan to emerge from bankruptcy, Adelphia requested on June 16, 2005 that its cable TV franchise in Lynchburg be transferred to Comcast. Under federal law, the City has 120 days to act upon this request. The City's review is limited to reviewing the qualifications of the transferee in three specific areas: (1) financial, (2) technical, and (3) legal. City staff, with the assistance of Municipal Services Associates (a consulting firm), has reviewed the FCC-required documentation filed by Comcast and has found no grounds for concluding that Comcast is not qualified in any of these three areas.

City Council has three options for responding to the transfer request: (1) vote to accept, (2) vote to reject, or (3) take no action. If the City does not act upon the transfer request within the 120-day review period, then the City shall be deemed to have consented to the transfer.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

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ATTACHMENT(S): None.

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